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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT: Agency-Wide-All-Source Operations Room

REFERENCE: Action Memorandum A-165, 18 January 1963

1. I do not think that a situation room such as the one proposed in the reference would be satisfactory. To present all of CIA's operations graphically or otherwise would require a staff of considerable size. This staff would in turn put a burden on the operations people in the divisions of CIA concerned to keep them knowledgeable of all details of each operation including up to the minute changes as they occur.

2. At the present time details of the operations carried out in OSA/DDR are forwarded through DDR to the DCI's office as they occur. I personally have had no complaints from the DCI's staff that such information from OSA has been lacking or untimely in its delivery. I maintain that accurate and timely information, particularly on OSA/DDR operations, can best be had by contacting the operating staff actually carrying out the operations. I am not aware of this ever having been a problem in the past.

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